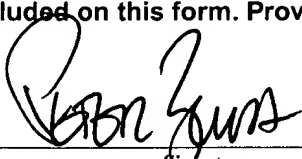



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This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2004.